

EGER, William H.

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Camden Avenue, Lavalette (now lives in Chicago).

Henry Stevens went over to Eger's house late in afternoon or early in evening just before or just after supper and told Mrs. Eger to tell her husband, who commuted to Philadelphia, "better come over on beach in the evening as there were some blue fish biting."

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Eger came out to the beach after he had had his supper. "He either got bait directly from me or went to my bait box back of garage and got some. He fished in the vicinity of me about 25 or 30 feet away.

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Henry Stevens remembers leaving Eger and others on beach about 9 o'clock and coming in because the fish were not biting well.

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About 10 o'clock or a little after Henry Stevens, who had gone back to the beach, decided there wasn't any more doing in the fishing line so he came back to the house in company of Mr. Eger who had apparently remained on the beach all evening.

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Henry Stevens and Eger had a drink of ginger ale or root beer or some other soft drink.

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Henry Stevens and Eger had quite a varied conversation about nothing in particular. In a little while Eger went home and went upstairs to bed. He says that he remembers that it was 10.25.

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Eger, however, did not remember anything about the blue fish.

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On the evening of the 15th Henry Stevens visited the Egers and told them that he had caught a blue fish weighing 4 pounds that afternoon and offered it to them, and also that he would keep it in his icebox for them until the next day. Mrs. Eger agreed to cook the fish on Saturday and asked Henry Stevens to dinner in the middle of the day.

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Henry Stevens had dinner at the Egers at Saturday noon after spending the morning with Mr. Eger in a rowboat at Barnegat Bay.

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After dinner Eger and Henry Stevens started out with the bait they caught in the morning and went on the beach to fish.

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Henry Stevens and Eger, after receiving telegram Saturday afternoon 16th, went up to the house. Henry Stevens looked at the time table for a train to New Brunswick, cleaned up, changed his clothes, put a few things in a grip and made arrangements with Mr. Eger to spend the night at his house, until one of the family returned. Eger agreed and said he would bring over his own bed linen. Henry Stevens gave Eger one of the keys to the back door.

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APPLEGATE, Arthur

McGee Avenue, west side, across railroad.
Wife and small boy.

Henry Stevens saw the three come up to beach right after he got there following his visit to Eger's house and talked with Mrs. Eger. After leaving Eger's house he went home and then to beach where he saw these three.

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"Applegate had been fishing. He had his rod and had evidently been to the south of me but how far I could not tell. It might have been two blocks. It might have been four or five blocks down that way. Anyway, he had a blue fish and told me he caught this fish on a hook that I had given him earlier in the day, and he showed me how the hook had been bent out of shape when he pulled the fish up on the sand. I remembered giving him the hook and can show you a duplicate of it today exactly what kind of a hook it was."

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"Applegate showed me the hook that he had caught the fish on. He said: 'That's the hook you gave me this morning - or during the day - I don't remember when it was, and see how I straightened it out.' The hook was made of thin material and he had bent it pretty well out of shape. I told him when I gave him the hook it was a lucky hook. I said, 'Wait a minute and I'll weigh that fish for you.' So I went to my tackle box which was on the beach where I had been fishing, within a few feet of me there, got my fishing scales out and weighed the fish, and it weighed 6 lbs. His wife and small boy were there at the time."

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"The time must have been about dusk because it was light enough for me to see him walking by plainly with the fish on the boardwalk; and when I weighed the fish it was not so easy to see the figures on the scales. It was in the